

1 *Sub* 14. (Amended) A method for operating a brake controller system comprising:

2 *C17* receiving, by a CPU, a pressure signal indicating an amount of pressure in a

3 master brake cylinder of a towing vehicle;

4 signaling a voltage booster, by said CPU, to supply additional voltage above a

5 towing vehicle standard voltage; and

6 actuating the towed vehicle brakes.

1 15. (Amended) A method for operating a brake controller system for a towed
2 vehicle comprising:
3 sensing brake fluid pressure within a towing vehicle's master brake cylinder;
4 sensing current in an electric brake system on said towed vehicle;
5 calculating with a brake controller unit the appropriate amount of brake force to
6 be applied by a brake activator;

7 determining, by said CPU, whether a voltage booster is required to supply
8 additional voltage to said towed vehicle's electric brake system;
9 actuating said towed vehicle's electric brakes without actuating said towing
10 vehicle brakes by use of a manual thumb brake switch;
11 generating a signal from said brake controller unit that is based upon and
12 directly proportional to a linear position of the manual thumb brake switch; and
13 activating said brake activator with said signal; and
14 applying an appropriate amount of brake force with an appropriate amount of
15 voltage as directed by said brake controller unit.

1 16. (Amended) The method for operating a brake controller system according to
2 claim 15 further comprising:
3 signaling brake lights and a brake activator with said brake controller unit over a
4 brake line by multiplexing signals over said brake line.

Please add the following new claims:

1 Subj-19. A trailer brake system comprising:
2 a master brake fluid pressure sensor for measure a brake fluid pressure of a brake
3 system in a towing vehicle and for providing a brake fluid pressure signal;
4 a brake controller for controlling a brake activator, said brake activator being for
5 activating a trailer brake, said brake controller comprising a CPU for receiving said brake fluid

6 pressure signal and for generating a signal for said brake activator so that said trailer brake is
7 activated with a force related to said brake fluid pressure signal.

1 20. The trailer brake system of claim 19, further comprising:
2 a finger control for actuating said trailer brake system without actuating said brake system of
3 said towing vehicle, said finger control being electrically connected to said CPU, said finger
4 control generating a braking signal based on a movement or position of said finger control.

1 21. The brake controller system of claim 19, further comprising:
2 a display connected to said CPU for displaying trailer brake related information to
3 user during operation of said trailer brake system, said trailer brake related information being at
4 least one of Brake Gain; Time; Date; Last Maximum Brake; Last Maximum Stroke; Last Test;
5 Maximum Brake; Last Test; Maximum Stroke; Truck Control; Serial Number; Truck Control;
6 Date Manufactured; Truck Control; Born on Date; Trailer Control; Serial Number; Trailer
7 Control; Date Manufactured; Trailer Control; Born on Date; and Run Diagnostic; Test Brakes. - -